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If thou wouldest read a lesson that will keep thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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BIOGRAPHIC NOTES.

THE LATE REV. M. D. DUNLAP AND HIS ANCESTRY.

DESCENDED FROM SCOTTISH NOBLEMEN. THIS EMINENT MAN LEAVES AN ENVIEABLE RECORD BEHIND IN POCAHONTAS.

THE SUBJECT OF THIS ARTICLE IS THE REV. MITCHELL D. DUNLAP, WHO SPENT FORTY-EIGHT YEARS OF HIS REMARKABLY USEFUL LIFE IN OUR COUNTRY. NO ONE PERSON HAS EVER EXERTED AN INFLUENCE FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE, SUPERIOR TO WHAT HE DID DURING THAT LONG RESIDENCE AMONG US, FROM 1845 TO 1893. MANY YOUNG MEN OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY TRAINED BY HIS PRECEPTS AND EXAMPLE, BECAME THE FOREMOST CITIZENS OF THEIR DAY, AS BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CHARACTERS. THE SAME IS TRUE IN REGARD TO QUITE A NUMBER FROM ADJACENT COUNTIES.

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THE EARL OF MONTROSE. M. A. DUNLAP STATES IT WAS THE OPINION OF HIS MOTHER, MRS. PAULINA DUNLAP, THAT JOHN GRAHAM, WAS A DESCENDANT OF THE EARL OF PRESTON.

IT WAS ALSO BELIEVED BY THE GRAHAM RELATIONSHIP THAT FROM A COLLATERAL LINE OF GRAHAMS, THE EARL OF DUNDEE ORIGINATED. THIS PERSON IS MORE WIDELY KNOWN BY THE EPITHET, "INFAMOUS CLAVERHOUSE."

JOHN GRAHAM, THE MATERNAL GRANDFATHER OF REV. M. D. DUNLAP, WAS A SON OF JOHN GRAHAM, SR., THE GRANDFATHER OF LANTY LOCKRIDGE, SR., LATE OF KNAPPS CREEK AND PROGENITOR OF THE LOCKRIDGE RELATIONSHIP WITH "CLAVERHOUSE" THE VIRGINIA GRAHAMS, HAD BUT LITTLE TO SAY OF THEIR ANCESTRY.

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KIPLING'S POEM ON THE ALLIANCE

"THE ROWERS"

"Last night ye swore our voyage was done

But seaward still we go;

And ye tell us now of a secret vow

Ye have made with an open fo.

"That we must lie off a lightless coast,

And haul and back and veer

At the will of the breed that have wronged us most

For a year and a year and a year.

"There was never a shame in christendie

They laid not our door;

And yo say we must take the winter sea

And sail with them once more.

"The dead they mocked are scarcely cold;

Our wounded are bleeding yet;

And ye tell us now that our strength is sold

To help them press for a debt.

"Neath all the flags of all mankind

That use upon the seas,